

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The first meeting of the Black Hills Diabetes Support for adults was held March 1987, a Parent Support Group was established in 1990, and the Black Hills Diabetes Association, Inc. (BHDA) became a non-profit organization in 1994, growing from ten to the current 250 members over the past 20 years; and,

Whereas, Education, increased public awareness and support for all diabetics in the Black Hills are the BHDA's first and foremost initiatives, and networking has been a fundamental component of their efforts and successes in securing volunteer staff and many knowledgeable, local healthcare professionals to attain these goals; and,

Whereas, The Black Hills Diabetes Association has played a major role in assisting the creation of other support groups throughout South Dakota, including reservations, and BHDA has participated in numerous fundraisers on behalf of local and national organizations; and,

Whereas, Community efforts have involved developing numerous public service announcements with assistance from area television and radio stations and area newspapers regarding diabetes, gestational diabetes and the warning signs of diabetes; and,

Whereas, The Black Hills Diabetes Association has participated in over 100 health fairs in the Black Hills area, they maintain a 24-hour hotline that provides information on diabetes, resources for people with diabetes and services available in the community and they are also responsible for the establishment of numerous screenings for diabetes throughout the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Black Hills Diabetes Association, it is fitting and proper as governor of this great state to recognize one person in particular who has worked tirelessly and has been repeatedly recognized by the American Diabetes Association for her extraordinary efforts in the area of diabetes; and,

Whereas, Connie L. Tice, Executive Director and founder of the Black Hills Diabetes Association, Inc., is to be commended for her untiring, continuing, creative and heartfelt work for diabetics:

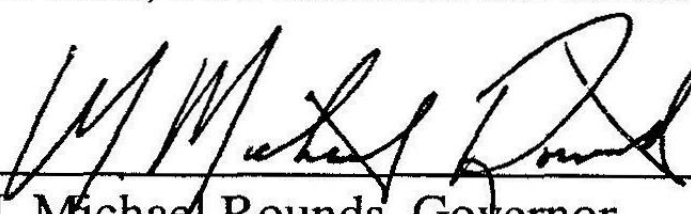
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2007, as

CONNIE TICE DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State